North H.S. Accelerated English 10
Summer Assignments 2006
Ms. Oberg

Greetings and welcome to the Accelerated English 10 program for East Stroudsburg North High School. You should feel a sense of pride knowing that you have been placed in the Accelerated program. Your journey into the intriguing accelerated 10th grade class is about to begin. You are required to supply your own books and material for all summer work. You may buy or go to the library for these materials.

The following is a list of your assignments that are due upon the first day of school in August. Everyone must turn in work on this day no matter when you are scheduled for English class. All work must be turned in to Ms. Oberg on this day or it will be considered late. We will begin immediately and discuss the readings at the onset of class in 2006- 2007. All late work will lose 10 points a day.

Readings:
The Crucible by Arthur Miller
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

For *The Crucible*, you are required to:

1. Research the Red Scare and McCarthyism and write a brief summary of your findings.
2. Research Arthur Miller and explain in a brief summary why he wrote *The Crucible* and why this play is considered a historical play.
3. Research the American Tragic Hero characteristics and write a brief summary of your findings.
4. Read the play and keep a reader's notebook as you read.
5. Write a minimum of a five-paragraph essay, which includes ten sentences minimum for each paragraph, by examining and analyzing how John Proctor is an American Tragic Hero. You must include a works cited page, in text citations (a minimum of 3), from the novel and/or other sources. MLA format must be adhered to and all information about the proper format can be found online. Spelling and grammar will count.

For The Great Gatsby, you are required to:

1. Research the 1920's (The Jazz Age) and write a brief summary of your findings.
2. Research Modernism and write a brief summary about the characteristics of this time period in relation to writing.
3. Research the American Dream and its changes throughout American Time Periods. Write a brief summary of your findings.
4. Read the novel and keep a reader's notebook as you read.
5. Write a minimum of a five paragraph essay, in MLA format with parenthetical citations, following the criteria set in *The Crucible* essay. Question: Discuss why this novel is sometimes labeled a dirge of the American Dream. Remember these points: 1. differences portrayed in each social class 2. loss of humanity that happens when all that people do is strive for money or possessions 3. what the American Dream should really be about and not how it has been corrupted over the years 4. why Nick Carraway abandons the East and the dream he sought there

If over the summer you find that you are having trouble or if you have any questions e-mail me at **heeterc@esasd.net.**